



Iowa Department of Agriculture
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Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1983 of at least 40 acres of Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to a person who owned the land at least 100 years ago.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by June 1, 1983.

One Century farm marker per farm will be furnished by Iowa Farm Bureau. Additional markers may be purchased upon request.

One Century Farm Certificate will be awarded for each legal farm owner by Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be purchased at a cost of \$1.00 per certificate from the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Phone

area

Name of Present Farm Owner Edmund James O'Brien and wife, Frances H. O'Brien

Address of Century

Township Lotts Creek

Century Farm County Kossuth

Number of acres in farm at present 100

Date your ancestors first purchased this land September 20, 1882

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Kossuth County Advance, Algona, Iowa

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-one (31) in Township Ninety-six (96) North, Range Thirty (30) West of the 5th P.M. in Kossuth County, Iowa

List all ancestors who owned this land, beginning with original:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Timothy O'Brien</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Hannorah O'Brien</u>	<u>Grandmother</u>
<u>James J. O'Brien</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Catherien O'Brien</u>	<u>Mother</u>

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.

Original Entry Record--United States to Chickasaw County, Ia March 22, 1864
Deed record U.S. By President Andrew Johnson to State of Iowa, Nov. 6, 1865.
State of Iowa by Governor W.M. Stone to County of Chickasaw, April 11, 1867
Gideon Gardner of Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County--Deed to A.G. Case,
B.B. Richards, George Burden, for \$3803. January 6, 1870
A.G. and E.L. Case to George Burden and B.B. Richards, May 2, 1870
APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM MARKER AND CERTIFICATE

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm Certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

From whom was the farm purchased? Benjamin and Mary Eveleen Richards, George and Eliza Burden

How many acres were in the original parcel? 320 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? ~~21~~ \$8.00 Total price of 320 was \$2560.00

Where was the first owner born? Timothy O'Brien born in County Kerry, Ireland 1834
Hannorah Liddy O'Brien born County Clare, Ireland 1841

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Victor, Iowa

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? _____

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No

When was the present home built? 1915

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn and soybeans

I (we), _____
being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Edmund J. O'Brien
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March 19 88.

My Commission expires

Marian Meyer

Notary Public in and for the



County of ROSS WORTH State of IOWA

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture
Century Farms Program
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Des Moines, IA 50319